

COMMENTS OF AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This is a response by the Amherst, MA Cable Advisory Committee to the Request For Comment in the matter of Docket # CTV 03-3 ("Investigation by the Cable Television Division of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy on its Own Motion to Review the Form 100").

We suggest the addition of the following (shown underlined) to the "TECHNICAL INFORMATION" section of Form A.

- Rename Item 23 as 23A, insert word, and add text at end.

23A. Attach as Exhibit __ a complete technical description of the proposed system, including a strand or street map showing the extent of cable plant in the municipality, including all trunks, nodes, and feeder lines. The strand map should also indicate quantity of dark fiber lines running to each node location.

This is important information to have for evaluating the adequacy of the distribution infrastructure, and the extent of the current and proposed cable plant.

- Insert Items 23B and 23C.

23B. State applicant's proposed maximum number of homes per node.

23C. Describe applicant's proposed plan for allocation of bandwidth among proposed service offerings (e.g., analog video, digital video streams, on demand video, VoIP telephony, internet data, etc).

This is important information to have for evaluating the adequacy of the distribution infrastructure to support delivery of proposed service offerings, and to determine how much of the total bandwidth is being allocated to cable services.

- Rename Item 24 as 24A, and add text at end.

24A. Describe the equipment applicant proposes to offer or continue to offer at the

subscriber terminal (e.g., remote control, analog converter, digital converter, high definition converter, digital video recorder, CableCARDS, unidirectional digital plug-and-play converters, interactive digital plug-and-play converters, etc).

This is important information to have for confirming compliance with the FCC's Second Report and Order and Second Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the matter of the Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices, FCC 03-225.

- Insert Item 24B.

24B. Describe the interface between the cable system and a unidirectional or interactive navigation device, including whether PSIP data -- particularly Virtual Channel and Event Information Tables -- is delivered to the navigation device.

As required by Federal regulation (FCC 98-116, the "Navigation Device Order"; and 47 CFR 76.1205), technical information about the interface between cable system and navigation device must be provided on request. Presence of Virtual Channel and Event Information Tables would permit software running on a navigation device to construct a purely informational electronic program guide.

Respectfully Submitted,

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